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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$4,500,000
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INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the balance.
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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
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Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on weekdays, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if needed, on Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly authorized agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1885. 754

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. GEORGE THEODOR SIEMSEN in our Firm ceased on the 24th November, 1886, and that of Mr. PAUL GEORGE HUBER on the 31st December, 1886.
Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration from this date.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong and China,
14th February, 1887. 310

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY CRAWFORD, MR. JOHN McALLUM and Mr. NINIAN ROBERTSTANFORD CRAWFORD were admitted PARTNERS in our Firm in Hongkong on the 1st April, 1887.
No change has been made in the constitution of our Firm in Shanghai or Yokohama.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, April 6, 1887. 947

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from the Colony, my Business will be conducted by my Executor, Mr. JAMES SPENCE LEGGE, who is authorized to sign my name per Procuration.

WILLIAM LEGGE.
Hongkong, April 16, 1887. 730

NOTICE.

IN consequence of Mr. ROBERT HOWIE and Mr. RONALD GREIG leaving China, they will no longer sign our Firm per Procuration.
We have this Day authorized Mr. GEORGE DIXWELL, BARN and Mr. EDMUND THOMAS BOND to sign our Firm per Procuration at Canton and Macao.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, 1st April, 1887. 600

Intimations.

FUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company that it is proposed to call a FINAL DIVIDEND of \$5 PER SHARE to be made on the 3rd day of June, 1887, Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

And further that the INTEREST at the Rate of 10 per Cent. per Annum will be charged on ALL CALLS which shall remain UNPAID after the 3rd day of June, 1887.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th May to the 3rd June, 1887, both days inclusive.

A. O. D. GORDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 16, 1887. 738

UNITED INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A First Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the year 1886 has this Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after the 30th Instant.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 745

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

APPLICATIONS for the Post of SECRETARY to the above Company, addressed to LOUIS R. GLASS, Esq., Chairman, Straits Insurance Company, Limited, Singapore, will be received till the 30th Instant, at the Head Office.

By Order of the Directors,
C. D. KERR,
Agent.
Hongkong, April 14, 1887. 713

NOTICE.

AT a MEETING held in the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 15th Instant, to consider what steps should be taken with respect to the Departure of His EXCELLENCY the ADMINISTRATOR from this Colony, it was decided that an ADDRESS be drawn up and presented to him.

Gentlemen desirous of signing the Address will find Lists at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and Messrs. FALCONER & Co.'s.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 13, 1887. 748

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, on MONDAY, the 25th April, at Half-past Two o'clock p.m., for the presentation of the Report of the Directors and Accounts to the 31st December last, the declaration of Dividends and appropriation to Reserve Fund for the year 1886, and the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
ALEX. ROSS,
Secretary.
Shanghai, 8th April, 1887. 734

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Secretary, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, can henceforward be obtained, by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, Praya Central, at the same prices as at the Warehouse, or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the Warehouse at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, July 27, 1886. 1129

Business Notices.

Summer!

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE NOW UNPACKED THEIR FIRST DELIVERIES OF NEW GOODS FOR THE GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT, including MANY NOVELTIES in—

UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS.
NEW LAWN TENNIS JERSEYS.
SILK and WOOL and SILK TENNIS SHIRTS.
FANCY CAMBRIO SOAKERS and TIES.
The Newest SUMMER ORNATEMENTS.
BATHING COSTUMES and DRESSES.
LADIES' FANCY BATH WRAPS.
BATH TOWELS and SPONGES.
UMBRELLAS and RAIN COATS.
LADIES' WATERPROOF CLOAKS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Special Extra Thin CAMBRIO SHIRTS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s "THERMAL" FINE HATS.
TERRAL, SOFT FELT, and TENNIS HATS.
SUN HATS and STRAW HATS.
LADIES' TENNIS SHOES, and TENNIS BATS.

A full Assortment of SUMMER BOOTS, TENNIS SHOES, and TENNIS BATS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, April 19, 1887. 750

KELLY & WALSH, LD., HONGKONG.

NEW DANCE MUSIC.
'Leaves and Flowers' Waltz, by C. Deacon.
'Fond Hearts' Waltz, by Agresta.
'Evelyn' Waltz, by J. P. Clarke.
'Our Dove' Waltz, by Liddell.
'Queen of My Heart' Waltz, from 'Dorothy'.
'The Sausages' Waltz, by C. Lowthian.
'Soonsenchen' Waltz, by A. G. Cowie.
'Bellevue' Waltz, by P. B. Buzalotti.
'Little Sailors' Waltz, by A. G. Cowie.
'Phyllis' Waltz, by Buzalotti.
'Our Last' Waltz, by C. Lamoths.
'Dorothy' Waltz, by P. Buzalotti.
'Never to Part' Waltz, by Lily Clay.
'Chatterbox' Polka, by Lily Clay.
'Jockey' Quadrille, by Hamilton Clarke.
'Dorothy' Quadrille, by P. Buzalotti.

'For Ever Nooner,' by A. Remill.
'Caught,' by H. H. H. H.
'The Fairy Ring,' by H. H. H. H.
'Pedlar's Song,' by A. C. Mackenzie.
'With a Welcome for All,' from 'Dorothy'.
'The Sheriff's Man,' from 'Dorothy'.
'Old Dreams,' from 'Dorothy'.
'The Garden of Sleep,' by J. De Lara.
'At Even-song,' by C. Lowthian.
'Fair in My Love,' by A. C. Mackenzie.
'A Valentine,' by S. R. Schlegel.
'Be Wise in Time,' from 'Dorothy'.
'The Emigrant's Return,' by L. Williams.
'The Falling Star,' by M. M. Rao.
'We Kissed again with Tears,' by L. Kellie.
'Weary I am of Foreign Parts,' from 'Our Diva'.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, March 12, 1887. 450

ROBERT LANG & Co., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).
EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

OUR SPRING STOCK OF GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS and COLLARS.

UNDERVESTS.
PANTS and HALF-HOSE.
BOOTS and SHOES.
CHRISTY'S FELT, TERAI and STRAW HATS.
UMBRELLAS.
HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.
Hongkong, April 6, 1887. 644

Victoria Hotel, Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire Harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been re-furnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1812

W. POWELL & Co. (TELEPHONE 21).

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF LADIES', CHILDREN'S, and GENTLEMEN'S WHITE and COLOURED STRAW HATS.
W. POWELL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, April 4, 1887. 624

STAG HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.
THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED and WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.
GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.
CHARGES MODERATE.
TIFFIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.
WELL VENTILATED. BILLIARD ROOM.
ENGLISH and AMERICAN TABLES.
HURD 75 CENTS.
WINE, STOUT and ALL LIQUORS of the VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.
Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

NOTICE.

MR. GRIFFITH having made arrangements to remain on as a WEEKLY TENANT his STUDIO WORK will be carried on as heretofore, pending the completion of the contract for pulling down and rebuilding.
WHEN THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED.
This has been considerably agreed to, so that he may be able to complete the work in hand and take sittings from those who may wish to favour him by making early appointments for portraiture.

Correspondents at the "STUDIO" will please take this as a reply to their numerous inquiries.
Hongkong, March 21, 1887. 595

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC and METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
VERDAN'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.
RETORTS, LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY and IMPEAT CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.
English Silver and Electro-Plated Ware, Christmas and New Year's Electro-Plated Ware, GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.
DIAMONDS.
DIAMOND JEWELLERY.
A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 144

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING will be held at the Company's Office in Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of April, 1887, at 12 of the Clock noon, at which the following Special Resolutions will be brought forward—

That the Maximum Number of Directors present Articles of Association shall be raised from Nine to Twelve.
That the words "Ten Thousand Dollars" shall be inserted in Article No. 81 of the present Articles of Association in lieu of the words "Seven Thousand Dollars".
That the word and figure "Clause 3" in the seventh line of Article No. 19 of the present Articles of Association be eliminated from the said Article, which shall be read as if the said word and figure had never been therein inserted.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.
Hongkong, April 14, 1887. 714

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.
AN EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held at the Club House, on FRIDAY, 29th Inst., at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of Confirming the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting on the 13th Instant.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 13, 1887. 746

WE HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED to the 1st FLOOR of No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD, opposite our Old Office.

DENNIS & MOSSOP, Solicitors & Notaries.
Hongkong, March 26, 1887. 652

NOTICE.

A GLASGOW FIRM, with Practical Experience of the HARDWARE and ENGINEERS' TOOL TRADES, is prepared to act in England for Good Houses on Commission. First-class references. Replies to be addressed, 57 'Hope Street', care of this Office.
Eongkong, April 11, 1887. 680

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist, (FORMERLY ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT and LATELY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS).

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROBERTS.

No. 2, DUDDLELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families. Sole Address.

2, DUDDLELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 68

Auctions.

IMPORTANT AUCTION NOTICE.

JAPAN! JAPAN! JAPAN!!!
THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. Kinn & Co., to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY & SATURDAY, the 22nd and 23rd of April, 1887, commencing each day at 2 o'clock p.m., at their Premises opposite Hongkong Hotel.

THE WHOLE OF THEIR CHOICE and VALUABLE COLLECTION OF ELEGANT, ORNAMENTAL and USEFUL JAPANESE FINE CURIOS and WORKS OF ART.

Catalogues will be issued. The above will be on view on Thursday, the 21st April.

Terms of SALE.—As customary.
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 12, 1887. 692

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, \$21 " " " 2 " "

Dubos Bros & Co. of the Gironde & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Barter's Celebrated "Barley Bee" WHISKY, \$72 per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1197

FOR SALE.

MUNCHER BEER FURSTENBERG, and SUPERIOR LAGER BEER.

Apply to.
BADECKER & Co., Sole Agents.
Hongkong, March 27, 1887. 774

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Co.'s Steamship "Nemo," Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 748

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI. The Co.'s Steamship "Fokien," Captain WYLLIE, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, April 19, 1887. 751

FOR SINGAPORE. The Steamship "Atchin," Captain WYLLIE, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LUN SHING ON, No. 70, Praya West.
Hongkong, April 15, 1887. 725

FOR SHANGHAI. The Steamship "Amoy," Captain R. KOHLER, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 21st Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 19, 1887. 752

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY. The Co.'s Steamship "Bantam," Captain SCHOLTER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 19, 1887. 749

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI. The Co.'s Steamship "Oder," Captain PRITZNER, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 15, 1887. 724

STEAM TO NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Tsurumi," Captain W. VON SCHROEDER, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 22nd Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 15, 1887. 723

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI. The Co.'s Steamship "Oder," Captain PRITZNER, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 15, 1887. 724

STEAM TO NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

Taking Cargo on through B/L to CHEMULPO and WIAIWISTOCK.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Tatjana," Captain W. M. DODD, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, 23rd April, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.
Hongkong, April 15, 1887. 700

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. The Co.'s Steamship "Taiwan," Captain W. M. DODD, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabin are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, April 16, 1887. 729

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The S.S. L.L. American Ship "Ship of Mercy," Captain M. NICHOLS, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1887. 596

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The S.S. L.L. American Ship "Ship of Mercy," Captain M. NICHOLS, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1887. 596

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE THIRD PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP DEPARTURE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, Antwerp, and Bordeaux, or S.S. *Gange, Romanus, and Frederic Morel*, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables—are being loaded and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day (Sunday), the 17th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersecretary.

Goods remaining undischarged after Monday, the 25th April, 1887, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 27th April, 1887, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 17, 1887. 740

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Cascapora*, Captain FRASER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersecretary for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 28th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 744

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

GENERAL WARDER, Germ. str. Capt. W. von Schuckendorff—Molichers & Co.

SWAN, American brig, Captain D. D. O'Keefe—F. Blackhead & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Bentley*, Captain LA BOUTILLIER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersecretary, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at the KOW-LOON PIERS, and any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into Godowns and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day, the 19th Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent. All Claims must reach us before 4 p.m. of the 29th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 19, 1887. 764

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A First Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the year 1886 has this day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 5th Instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 763

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 28th of April, 1887, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *YANZIE*, Commandant LORRAIN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SEPOYS, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Seamen will be registered for London, and will be for Marseilles, and so on, in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Seamen and Sepoys until 5 p.m. on the 27th April, 1887. (Seamen are not to be sent on board, they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 767

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THIRD PRIZE MEETING.

TO be held at the KOWLOON RANGES on the 29th and 30th April, commencing each day at 10.30 a.m.

A LAUNCH will leave Pedder's Wharf each day at 9.30 a.m.

FIRST COMPETITION.—For Martini-Henry Rifles or Carbines. Open to all Members of the Association. Distance 200 and 500 yards, 5 Shots at each distance. Position any. 15 Prizes ranging from \$20 to \$3, presented by the Officers of the Association, to be completed for at any time during the meeting. Entrance Fee 50 Cents.

SECOND COMPETITION.—For Martini-Henry Rifles or Carbines. Open to all Members of the Association. Distance 200 and 500 yards, 7 Shots at each distance. Position any. Open to all Members. Prize: Two Cups. All Winners at former meetings excluded. Entrance Fee \$2.00.

THIRD COMPETITION.—For Martini-Henry Rifles or Carbines. Open to Members of the Association. Distance 200 and 500 yards, 7 Shots at each distance. Position any. Cup presented by Mr. E. L. WOODIN, Esq. Entrance Fee \$2.00.

FOURTH COMPETITION.—For Martini-Henry Rifles or Carbines. Distance 200, 500 and 600 yards, 5 Shots at each distance. Position any. Open to all Members. Prize: One-fifth to each Range. Two-fifths for best aggregate score, less 20 to the Funds of the Association. Entrance Fee \$5.

FIFTH COMPETITION.—For Carbines. Open to Hongkong Volunteers only, whether Members of the Association or not. Distance 200 and 500 yards, 5 Shots at each distance. Position any. Prize: A Cup presented by Messrs. HOLMES & WOODLEY. Winners at former meetings excluded. Entrance Fee 50 Cents.

SIXTH COMPETITION.—For any Rifle. Distance 500 yards, Shot 10. Position any. Open to all Members of the Association. Prize: A Cup. Entrance Fee \$2.00.

FOOT TARGETS.—200 and 500 yards. Open to all Members during the meeting. Bulls' Eyes only to count. Tan Cents 100, 50 divided amongst Bulls' Eyes.

VANISHING TARGET COMPETITION.—For Martini-Henry Rifles or Carbines. Distance 150 yards, Ten Shots. Position any. Prizes—\$15, \$10 and \$5. Entrance Fee 50 Cents.

MOVING TARGET COMPETITION.—For Martini-Henry Rifles or Carbines. Distance 150 yards, Six Shots. Position any. Prizes—\$15, \$10 and \$5. Entrance Fee 50 Cents.

For Fourth Competition, the Vanishing and Moving Target Competitions, Competitors may enter more than once.

Amputation can be obtained from the SECRETARY, at the Rate of \$2.50 per 100 Rounds.

Intending Competitors requested to notify the Undersecretary, which of the Competitions they desire to be entered for.

The form annexed to the Circular must be filled up and returned together with full amount of Entrance Fee in Cash before the 26th of April, 1887.

ALF. WOOLLEY, Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 769

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Butterfield*, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY NEXT, the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 761

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Butterfield*, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 764

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 24th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 766

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Butterfield*, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 763

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

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Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 763

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Decatur*, will leave for the above place To-morrow, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 765

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Butterfield*, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887. 760

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 19, 1887.—

Cathay, British steamer, 1,331, E. Ashdown, Shanghai April 17, Mails & General.

P. & O. S. N. Co.

Port Victor, British steamer, 1,875, A. Williams, Saigon April 16, Rice and Paddy.

STREMSER & Co.

Suez, British mail-of-war, 700, Arthur O. B. Broome, Shanghai April 12.

Vesuvius, British str., 701, J. Stevens, Saigon April 15, Rice—ARMED, KANAKO & Co.

April 20.—

Amoy, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Audacious, Flagship of Admiral R. H. Harris, R.N., Singapore April 12.

Thales, British steamer, 820, F. D. Goddard, Foochow April 15, Amoy 16, and Swatow 19, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Decatur, British steamer, 2,022, E. W. Cress, Shanghai April 3, and Singapore 14, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Canton, British steamer, 1,110, J. Bremner, Shanghai April 7, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

James Watt, British steamer, 1,024, D. Petro, Bangkok April 12, Rice.—RUSSELL & Co.

Orestes, British steamer, 1,325, Hutchinson, Liverpool March 5, and Singapore 14, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Wolff, German str., 830, H. J. Hisek, Balphong April 17, General.—WILSON & Co.

Endore, British barque, 1,112, O. E. Dalton, Portland February 16, Flour.—CHINESE.

Dundee, British str., 661, G. Anderson, Haiphong April 13, General.—A. R. MALT.

DEPARTURES.

April 20.—

Mosier, for Saigon.

Partridge, for Hallow.

China, for Singapore.

Perth, Russian corvette, for Whampoa.

Morin, British gunboat, for a cruise.

Zulu, for Amoy and Manila.

Transvaal, for Saigon.

Cassiopeia, for Shanghai.

Viper, French gunboat, for Amoy.

Benary, for Yokohama.

Henry, for Shanghai.

Wells, for Amoy.

Wingang, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Canora, for Whampoa.

Clearing.

Luzon, for Manila.

Electric, for Yokohama.

Professor Munn, for New York.

Wellington, for Haiphong.

Wells, for Amoy.

Mary Stuart, for Sandakan.

Enns, for London.

Nimrod, for Coast Ports.

Melita, for Hallow.

Passengers.

Per Cathay, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Dr. MacDonald, Rev. W. Brice and

native servant, and 4 Chinese; for Bombay, Mr. W. Leung, for London, Mrs. Maitland, child and nurse, Messrs H. A. Ritchie, A. Burrows, and Mrs. Sayers.

Per Port Victor, from Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per Vesuvius, from Coast Ports, Mr. Finlay, 2 Europeans, and 23 Chinese.

Per Canton, from Shanghai, 27 Chinese.

Per Orestes, from London, Mr. Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones, Assistant-Paymaster Pym, Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse, Commander Maxwell, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Messrs R. B. Allen, W. P. Gallon, E. Jones Hughes and T. F. Grant, from Bombay, Mr. Melia; from Penang, Mr. Low Ah Fong, and 66 Chinese; from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Corrie and servant; for Shanghai, from London, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Rev. and Mrs. Eason, Misses Stewart, Miss Burroughs, Britton, McWaters, Johnson, McQuellon, Yates, Miller, McKee, and Thomson, Rev. E. O. Smith, Messrs H. Adams, W. S. Ryan, A. B. Grew, W. W. King and Geo. Clarke; from Glendy, Mr. F. Christian, for Yokohama, from London, Mr. R. C. Price; from Bombay, Messrs H. H. Flock and Uthoff; from Calcutta, Mr. W. C. Orms; from Singapore, Mr. A. H. Jaque; from Rangoon, from Liverpool, 3 Europeans, and 118 Chinese.

Per Dundee, from Haiphong, Messrs Davier and Park, and 16 Chinese.

Per Transvaal, for Saigon, 10 Chinese.

Per Orestes, for Shanghai, 32 Chinese.

Per Wells, for Amoy, 40 Chinese.

Per Wingang, for Singapore & Co., 663 Chinese.

To Depart.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 1 European, and 15 Chinese.

Per Nimrod, for Coast Ports, 9 Europeans, and 200 Chinese.

Shipping Reports.

The British steamer *Dundee* reports: Had light S. wind and fine weather, from Saigon to port. On the 18th inst., spoke steamer *Gisland*, from Hongkong, for Saigon.

The British steamer *Dundee* reports: Left Haiphong April 18th, calm and cloudy with light S. wind and fine weather, and moderate variable winds and squalls, weather with occasional rain to St. Johns; and thence to Hongkong, moderate N.E. winds, cloudy and heavy.

Post Office Notices.

Mails will close—

FOR SINGAPORE AND MAURITIUS.—Per *Fero*, at 7.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 21st inst.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—Per *Namoo*, at 1.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 21st inst.

FOR AMOY & TAMSUI.—Per *Shanghai*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 21st inst. (L. L. 3.10 to 3.30).

FOR SHANGHAI.—Per *Decatur*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 21st inst. (L. L. 3.10 to 3.30).

FOR AMOY.—Per *Amoy*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd inst.

FOR SHANGHAI.—Per *Decatur*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd inst.

FOR DANGKOK.—Per *Amoy*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd inst.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.—Per *Thales*, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th inst.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—Per *Thales*, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 25th inst.

Mails by the BATTERY PACKET.—The British Contract Packet *Cathay* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 22nd April, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and America, via Suez, and thence to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands, India, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

Mails by the UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *Goetz* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry cases.

3.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Share List—Quotations.

April 20, 1887.

Stocks.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.

Yong-Tsin Insurance Company, Ltd.

Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.

China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.

China Insurance Office Co., Ltd.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.

The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

Steamboat Companies.

THE FOREIGN TRADE OF CHINA FOR 1886.

Mr. E. B. Drew, Statistical Secretary, makes the following general remarks on the foreign trade of China for 1886, in the just published "Returns of Trade," Statistical Series, Nos. 3 and 4.

If we look merely at the statistical totals, the impression we form will certainly be that great prosperity has prevailed. The volume of trade has been a whole the greatest since our general statistics first began to be kept nearly 22 years ago. There have been certain years in which the imports of themselves have attained a higher total, and in other years the exports have reached a greater sum, but there has never been a year when both simultaneously have amounted to so much. The total value of foreign goods imported plus native produce exported abroad in H.K. Tls. 164,600,000. The highest mark hitherto reached was H.K. Tls. 163,500,000, in 1881. The value for 1885—the year preceding the period now specially under review—was H.K. Tls. 163,200,000. A like impression of continuing development is conveyed by the Shipping Statistics. The year 1886 marks a large and sudden increase in the number of vessels which have entered and left China's ports and in the tonnage thus represented. In 1885 the number of vessels was 23,300 (in round numbers), and the figures have been almost exactly the same for many years back. But for 1886 the number has suddenly increased by more than 20 per cent., to 28,000. And how has it fared with the tonnage? The increase has been from 16,000,000 to nearly 22,000,000 tons. The total tonnage in 1877 was 12,000,000; it rose steadily year by year until in 1884 and 1885 it stood between 18,000,000 and 19,000,000; and now we behold a sudden leap of 20 per cent. above the preceding year. And again, an examination of the tables which show the revenue collected customs by the trade and the shipping totals. The Revenue for 1886 is the largest as yet collected under the auspices of the Foreign Inspectorate, having for the first time passed the goal of 13 millions of taels. This mark, reached in H.K. Tls. 15,144,076, being nearly half a million taels greater than the collection of 1881, which hitherto has been the maximum year. All this is a very gratifying sound, but if we look deeper we shall find that while the revenue and tonnage figures are so encouraging, a large volume of business, this business has not been in all departments advantageous to the producer or to the merchant.

But before proceeding to details concerning any special articles of commerce, it is necessary to devote a paragraph to the subject of exchange—an element which has affected many departments of Foreign trade during the year to an extent only less grave than war itself would have done. In this short Report I may, however, do little more than mention it; but the commercial reader, with the figures before him which I shall give, will have no difficulty in realising its influence. The course of exchange during 1886 was never other than in 1885. Its effect upon the Silk market is referred to below, and it is also several times alluded to in the port Reports which follow my own, especially in connection with Tea. I have before me an exhibit of the closing rates at Shanghai for bills on London at the quarterly sight on European mail day of each week throughout the years 1885 and 1886. From these quotations I give the following abbreviated table, taking the first quotation of each month:

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1885.....	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
1886.....	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2

(The figures represent the value of the Shanghai tael.) Comments upon this showing is not necessary; it is enough if we bear in mind the gradual fall in exchange from 4s. 11 1/2d. at the beginning of 1885 to 4s. 3 1/2d. in August, 1886, from which level it rose again to 4s. 5 1/2d. towards the end of the year. The highest of my 50 quotations for 1886 was 4s. 9 1/2d., on the 20th November, and the lowest was 4s. 3 1/2d., on the 19th August of the year under review.

The large volume of the trade in rice, the export of Tea, and the general business of the year's trade in these two articles, are prominent subjects to which attention should be called. The rice crop in the Yangtze valley was especially bountiful, and this circumstance, in connection with an exceptionally great export of rice from the province of Szechuan, and the fact that the failure of the local crops on account, first, of rain in 1885, and subsequently, of drought in 1886, has given a remarkable impulse to business at Yulu and to some extent at Chinkiang, which, in consequence, a large quantity of rice have been transported to the South, employing a great deal of steamer tonnage. These operations were overdone, however, and the merchants engaged in them are reported to have been losers from over-speculation and over-extension. The export of Black Tea is the greatest in quantity for at least six years, and a like remark is true as to the estimated value of it. But if we turn to the Reports from Hankow, Kiangling, Shanghai, and Poochow, we are specially convinced that while the quantity of the export has indeed been great, the result of the year's transactions has been extremely disastrous to the Chinese tea-brokers and to the Foreigners whose capital has been engaged in them. From this statement the business done at Poochow, which has much increased, should probably be excepted. But it is not needful that I should dwell on the details of the Tea trade, inasmuch as the particulars concerning it may be found in the Reports above cited. It is enough to say here that probably the growers of Tea and the ocean carriers are the only ones who have been benefited by the exceptionally large operations of the year—unless we include also the Government, which gets a revenue proportional to the amount of the export.

Unlike the Rice and Tea trades, the Silk trade of 1886, while it has been on a greater scale than in former years as regards the quantity exported, has none the less resulted in profit to both producer and merchant. The export of Raw Silk amounted to 64,000 piculs, whereas the annual export is usually 60,000 piculs—while that of 1885 was even so low as 56,000 piculs. Again, the export of Refuse or Waste Silk, which, as a rule, annually reaches nearly 30,000 piculs, and in 1884 was even so exceptionally great as 33,000 piculs, has risen in 1886 to 45,500 piculs. Coarse and Wild Silk, like Raw and like Waste, shows a great gain. Since 1881, when the export was 5,000 piculs, it has risen to nearly a million taels; the increase has been constant. In 1885 the export had reached nearly 8,000 piculs, and now for the year under review we find a further increase of 60 per cent., the quantity being 12,500 piculs, valued at nearly H.K. Tls. 1,300,000. The export of Cocoon, too, is much greater than has been hitherto known; and that of Silk Piece Goods has steadily increased from 8,600 piculs for 1883, to nearly 4 million piculs for 1886, worth more than 64 million taels. Obviously the great development and the prosperity of the Silk business in its various branches is the most

remarkable and the most gratifying feature of the year's trade, whether from the point of view of the Native producer and the Foreign merchant, who may well be believed to have reaped good results, or from the standpoint of the official, whose sense of joy in the contemplation of an increased revenue is chiefly due to this commodity alone. The exceptionally great sum of the trade for 1886 is made up by the Exports; and that the value of the Exports, which usually reaches from 65 to 70 millions of taels, has risen for 1886 to 77 millions, being almost entirely due to Silk. The estimated total value of the export of it in all forms in H.K. Tls. 28,800,000.

The large export of Raw and Thrown Silk is due to the low rates of exchange and to the high prices for Silk which prevailed in Europe. But the great increase in the export of Refuse is the most prominent feature in the China Silk trade; it is to be ascribed to the high prices which the increased demands of the European manufacturers have paid for the Chinese producers. It is worthy of remark that the large quantities of Silk of every kind which these tempting prices drew forth from the Silk districts at comparatively short notice seem to indicate that, contrary to what has usually been supposed to be the case, there must have been stocks 'ap country' held over from the previous season. Certain it is that the quantities 'brought out' during 1886 considerably exceeded the estimates of the supply for the year, and the opening of the season; and furthermore, it is not likely that much cheap Silk material which in ordinary times would have gone to make clothing for the Chinese has been brought away from him for the European market. The Report from Nanchang will be found to contain some useful and interesting remarks on the development of the Wild Silk industry at that port; from Ichang we get a few particulars respecting the increased export of the Yellow Silk of Szechuan; in the Chinkiang Report the revival of attention to Refuse is alluded to; and the Shanghai Report comments on the year's Silk trade from the commercial standpoint.

The condition of the Sugar trade should not be passed by without mention. The quantity of Sugar (White, Brown, and Candy) exported from China to Hongkong and to more remote Foreign countries has greatly fallen off since 1884. The export of White Sugar was 465,000 piculs, and it has now declined to 129,000 piculs; that of Brown has declined from 1,050,000 piculs to 408,000 piculs; and that of candy in like proportion. The Reports from Takow, Swatow, and Kiangchow, in which this trade is discussed, ascribe the decline to the following causes, viz., the imposition of new taxation in Formosa; the competition of other Sugars, especially Javan; the influence of protection given to Sugar cultivation in other countries, even Queensland; and, lastly, the drought prevalent in the Southern Sugar-producing provinces. And both the Kiangchow and Takow Commissioners point out the need of using better machinery and of improving the communication with local markets.

Before concluding my comments upon Exports I invite notice to the statistics of Frick Tea, Straw Braid, and Wool. The first named has increased from 220,000 piculs in 1883 to 280,000 piculs in 1886, and for 1886 we behold a further increase of 28 per cent., i.e., an export of 361,000 piculs. The export of Straw Braid has risen from 50,000 piculs in 1881 to 82,000 piculs, representing more than two million taels; and that of Wool has risen more than 100 per cent. since 1882.

Only a few words may be devoted to Imports. The quantity of Opium imported through the Foreign Customs is about the usual yearly average, though 1,000 piculs more than in 1885. The Native Opium crop was not very great at nearly all the ports excepting those in the South, from Swatow to Pakhoi; and probably had we the statistics of the import from Hongkong by junk, we should find a gain there also. At Tientsin the increase in 1885 was 250 per cent. over 1884; at the four principal foreign ports together it was 64 per cent. The gain at Shanghai was 500 per cent., but the import was 13 million gallons in excess of consumption. At Poochow, the Formosa ports, and Amoy together the gain was 46 per cent. So much by way of comparing 1884 and 1885. But for 1886 we do not find so great an increase. The consumption at the Northern ports is less than it was in 1885. The four chief Yangtze ports have received but 91 per cent. of what they took in 1885. This falling off in the best market should not surprise us, for it is probable that the consumption of 1885 was abnormally swelled owing to the destruction of the local crops of Vegetable Oil by the Yangtze floods which prevailed in that year. The import at nearly every Southern port, beginning with Ningpo, has increased greatly, excepting only Takow, where local taxation interfered with trade, and Canton, which receives most of its Kerosene by vessels outside our cognizance. The gain at Wenzow and Poochow is 200 per cent., and that at Tamsui is nearly 100 per cent. In brief, the increase in 1886 for all the Southern ports together from Ningpo to Pakhoi is from 1,500,000 gallons to 2,000,000 gallons. The total of the two years for all the ports together is, for 1885, 14,700,000 gallons, and for 1886, 22,800,000 gallons. But this gain does not represent increased consumption, the stocks at Shanghai at the end of 1886 being 104 million gallons. (Laid to rest from 20 to 26 million gallons of Kerosene in a year.)

The extension of the telegraph to the far West and the extension of the Suez Canal, and the extension of the Formosa line with the mainland, are touched upon in the Reports from Ichang, Pakhoi, Kiangchow, and Tamsui. The development of Formosa appears as at last, in truth, entered upon by China, and we reach by the extension of Tea cultivation, of a projected railway, of Coal-mining, and of a revival of Camphor production. The Transit pass system is at length in operation in the two Kwang provinces, and, in other places, notably Takow and Amoy, we observe the benign influences in mitigating the severity of Likin.

Shanghai, 9th April, 1887.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP CATALAT, Captain LAUDOWAY, will be despatched from this port for LONDON, BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, ON FRIDAY, the 26th April, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing, and Parcels and Specie (Gold) will be left at the Agent's Office until Noon on the day of sailing. Tea, Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed direct Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S OFFICE, HONGKONG. The Consents and Values of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading. Passengers desirous of leaving their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.
A Commissioner is now employed by the Company at Brindisi who will be despatched from this port for LONDON, BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, ON FRIDAY, the 26th April, at 4 p.m.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship GAZELLE will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 26th April, at 3 p.m.
Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.
All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.
Return Passengers—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

Mails.
U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.
THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF NEW YORK will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 5th May, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Oceans of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, April 16, 1887.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN, & HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LIEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, & NORTH AMERICAN PORTS.
THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON FRIDAY, the 13th day of May, 1887, Noon, the Company's Steamship OBER, Captain PERFEYER, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th May. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 18, 1887.

INSURANCES.
THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.
Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE).
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

NOTICE.
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Goods at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

ROBERT & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at Gross Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Harbour are marked a., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Gross Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Poddar's Wharf.
6. From Poddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kowloon's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
STEAMERS.						
Amoy	h Kohler	Brit. str.	814 April 20	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Amoy	h Agnew	Brit. str.	396 April 14	Water & Co.	Hankow, &c.	At-least Dock
Batavia	h Schults	Dutch str.	1484 April 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Changhai	h Atedown	Brit. str.	1884 April 19	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	22nd inst.
Oranador	h Ogston	Brit. str.	648 Nov. 23	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	Patent ship
Danish Monarch	h Burgoyne	Brit. str.	866 Feb. 23	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Deonan	h Case	Brit. str.	2022 April 20	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Deonan	h Okeanman	Ger. str.	865 April 18	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Deonan	h Marston	Ger. str.	1163 April 15	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Electra	h Saronen	Ger. str.	764 April 6	Ed. Schallhaus & Co.	Singapore	To-morrow
Fokien	h Wyllie	Brit. str.	603 April 17	Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy and Tamsui	K'loon Dock
Gastio	h Pearce	Brit. str.	4023 April 10	O. & S. S. Co.	San Francisco	28th inst.
General Werder	h Bruce-mann	Ger. str.	10 April 13	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Putz	Brit. str.	1024 April 13	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Wells	Chi. str.	1608 April 17	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Brooks	Brit. str.	1720 April 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Mörck	Ger. str.	330 April 20	Tung Kee	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Young	Brit. str.	917 April 10	Order	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Peacock	Brit. str.	826 April 16	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
General Werder	h Leuberg	Fch. yacht.	262 April 16	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Ostie	Brit. str.	1738 April 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Hutchinson	Brit. str.	1323 April 20	Butterfield & Swire	Sydney	25th inst.
General Werder	h Stapani	Brit. tug.	181 June 2	H. K. & W. Dock Co.	Yokohama	Coast Dock
General Werder	h Hogg	Brit. str.	1069 April 16	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Williams	Brit. str.	1878 April 19	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h C. Leabird	Amer. str.	48 April 18	China Traders Insurance Co.	Hankow, &c.	K'loon Dock
General Werder	h Bruha	Ger. str.	358 April 18	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Warnkes	Ger. str.	1878 April 10	Melchers & Co.	Sydney	25th inst.
General Werder	h Dodd	Brit. str.	2349 April 14	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama	Coast Dock
General Werder	h Soyemur	Brit. str.	2600 April 11	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Petersen	Ger. str.	1887 April 18	Takama Colliery	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Goddard	Brit. str.	619 April 9	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
General Werder	h Kallens	Ger. str.	636 April 13	Edouard Schallhaus & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Brown	Brit. str.	873 April 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werder	h Schluok	Ger. str.	728 April 15	Order	Shanghai	To-day